

# News Release



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## **STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF FORMER JOCKEY LARRY MELANCON**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, March 25, 2021)** – The following is a statement from Churchill Downs Racetrack President Mike Anderson on the passing of former jockey Larry Melancon – 7<sup>th</sup> in all-time Churchill Downs wins (914) and stakes wins (47) – who died Thursday at his home in Louisville, Ky. at age 65.

“The Churchill Downs family is deeply saddened to learn the news of former jockey Larry Melancon’s passing. Larry was amongst the winningest jockeys in Churchill Downs history and was known for his skilled horsemanship. More importantly, Larry was a class-act who was always willing to lend a helping hand. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences go out to his numerous friends and family during this difficult time.”

– Churchill Downs Racetrack President Mike Anderson.

## **ABOUT CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK**

Churchill Downs Racetrack (“CDRT”), the world’s most legendary racetrack, has been the home of The Kentucky Derby, the longest continually held annual sporting event in the United States, since 1875. Located in Louisville, CDRT features a series of themed race days during Derby Week, including the Kentucky Oaks, and conducts Thoroughbred horse racing during three race meets in the Spring, September, and the Fall. CDRT is located on 175 acres and has a one-mile dirt track, a 7/8-mile turf track, a stabling area, and provides seating for approximately 60,000 guests. The saddling paddock and the stable area has barns sufficient to accommodate 1,400 horses and a 114-room dormitory for backstretch personnel. CDRT also has a year-round simulcast wagering facility. [www.ChurchillDowns.com](http://www.ChurchillDowns.com).

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